(c) what measures Government contemplates to check the prices of silk yarn?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Due to occurence of pebrine disease in the rearing areas of the silk producing states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu, there was a decline in the arrivals of cocoons in the cocoon markets which was ultimately affected the availability as well as prices of raw silk in the country. In order to overcome this situation the following efforts are being made by the Central Silk Board in colloboration with the concerned State Governments:—

1. Implementation of a mass disinfection programme.
2. Supply of P1 and P2 layings of Pure Mysore to Deptt. of Sericulture, Karnataka.
3. Supply of F1 Hybrid layings to States.
4. Screening of basic stocks for pebrine.
5. Deputation of study teams to conduct survey in Seed Zones and to demonstrate various measures to control pebrine disease.

It is expected that the above remedial measures would help in containing the pebrine disease and consequently help in improving the availability of raw silk and controlling its prices in the country. A proposal to import 200 M. Tonnes of raw silk at concessional rate of duty is also under consideration.

Jet engines overhauled abroad

254. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of jet engines sent abroad by the Indian Airlines for overhauling and servicing in the last three years;

(b) the foreign exchange involved in getting these engines serviced and overhauled abroad;

(c) whether Indian Airlines has its own jet engine shop in Delhi for doing the job;

(d) what is the cost for the setting up of the plant; and

(e) what are the reasons for its non-utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Indian Airlines has, in all, sent 48 engines for overhauling and servicing abroad during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91.

(b) Foreign exchange, equivalent to Indian Rupees as mentioned below was incurred in the service and overhaul of these engines in the respective years:

Year	Rupees (INR)
1988-89	17,49,54,264.05
1989-90	14,02,87,667.05
1990-91	20,44,59,271.01

(c) Indian Airlines has recently set up a Jet Engine Overhaul shop in Delhi. The shop would initially repair/overhaul JT8D engines for B-737 aircraft.

(d) The approved cost for setting up of the Jet Engine Overhaul facility at Delhi is Rs. 14.95 crores.

(e) Although there has been some delay in completion of certain items of the work as per desired standards, Indian Airlines has since started utilising the shop.

Dual Citizenship

255. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Workers Association Conference held in London in September, 1991 has sent any

representation to the Government of India to confer dual citizenship for the persons of Indian origin and if so, what is the action taken;

(b) whether Indian living abroad will face difficulty in getting visa after the integration of United Kingdom with European Community in 1992; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect the interests of the people of Indian origin living in these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No such representation has been received by the Government of India in this regard.

(b) and (c) Discussions are still under way and no formal decision has yet been taken regarding visa regime for Indian nationals or other foreigners and their movement within the European Community after its integration, however, it is the policy of Government to take up with the concerned foreign Governments matters including grant of visas which relate to protection of the interests of people of Indian origin living there.

Hike in fares by Indian Airlines

256. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has raised fares during the last two months; if so, the extent thereof; and

(b) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has increased its fares by 20 per cent with effect from 7-10-1991 to meet the additional impact due to increase in the price of Aviation Turbine Fuel and revaluation of Indian Rupees vis-a vis foreign currencies.

दिल्ली में कम्प्यूटर टेलीफोन पर विमानों की उड़ान संबंधी सूचना

257. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या दिल्ली में विमान यात्रियों को विमानों के समय की सूचना देने के लिए कम्प्यूटर टेलीफोन का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है;

(ख) इस सुविधा से यात्रियों को किस तरह से लाभ हुआ है और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार दूसरे शहरों में भी यह सुविधा प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है; यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) दिल्ली में 20 सितम्बर, 1991 से वास्तविक समय स्वचालित यात्री सूचना प्रसार प्रणाली परीक्षण पर है। यह प्रणाली आरक्षण रिकार्ड में यात्री के साथ टेलीफोन पर सम्पर्क करती है और उड़ानों के विलम्ब होने पर यह प्रणाली पूर्व दिए गए रिकार्ड को विलम्ब सूचना यात्री को टेलीफोन पर देती है। यह अग्रिम सूचना यात्री के उनके कार्यक्रम को योजना के लिए मदद देती है और हवाई अड्डे पर जल्दी रिपोर्ट करने से भी बचाती है ।

(ग) यह प्रणाली परीक्षण पर है और इस सुविधा को अन्य स्टेशनों पर बढ़ाने के लिए इस प्रणाली के मूल्यांकन तथा इसकी लागत लाभ विश्लेषण पर निर्भर करेगी।